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1. SUMMARY. TRADITIONAL BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG FDP EPIPHANY CONVENTION JANUARY 5 AND 6, LACKED SPECTACULAR EMPHASIS, BUT HIGHLIGHTED FRAILTY OF LOCAL PARTY LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION. CONVENTION DEALT INCONCLUSIVELY WITH ISSUE OF CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER (RECHTSSTAATLICHKEIT) AND ENERGY PROBLEMS. BONN REPRESENTATIVE AND PRINCIPAL SPEAKER LIESELOTTE FUNCKE DREW POOR ATTENDANCE TO PUBLIC MEETING ON JANUARY 6. END SUMMARY

2. THE FDP PARTY CONVENTION ON JANUARY 5, 1978 WITH THE TRADITIONAL PUBLIC EPIPHANY MEETING FOLLOWING DAY EMPHASIZED THEME "THE LIBERAL CONSTITUTIONAL STATE". BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG  
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CHAIRMAN AND BUNDESTAG DEPUTY MARTIN BANGEMANN WARNED AGAINST HASTY CODIFICATION OF LAWS RE TERRORISM AS PRESSED BY THE CDU/CSU OPPOSITION IN BONN, STRESSING VIEW THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ELIMINATE TERRORISM THROUGH STRONGER LAWS BUT MUST ANALYSE THE INTELLECTUAL ROOTS OF TERRORISM. BANGEMANN EXPLAINED THAT, GENERALLY, IT TAKES TIME TO MAKE GOOD LAWS, AS WAS PROVED BY THE PENAL CODE AND THE CIVIL CODE, THE DE-

VELOPMENT OF WHICH TOOK NEARLY A CENTURY.

3. IN OPPOSITION TO THE FEDERAL FDP PARTY CONVENTION IN KEIL THE DELEGATES OF THE LAND PARTY CONVENTION IN STUTTGART REJECTED A COMMON FEDERAL-WIDE POLICE LAW AND AN AMENDED LEGAL PROVISION TO PERMIT "SHOOTING TO KILL" IN DEALING WITH TERRORISTS. JUERGEN MORLOK, FDP LANDTAG FACTION LEADER, SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE SECURITY POLICY OF THE CDU LAND GOVERNMENT, TERMING IT A POLICY WITHOUT A COMMON LINE AND FULL OF DANGEROUS INADEQUACIES.

4. IN A MOTION, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED NEARLY UNANIMOUSLY, THE CONVENTION CALLED ON THE LAND GOVERNMENT TO GIVE UP WYHL AS A NUCLEAR POWER STATION SITE (REFTEL) AND CALLED ON THE LAND AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO INDUCE THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO DENY CONSTRUCTION OF A SIMILAR NUCLEAR POWER STATION NEAR MARCKHOLZHEIM IN ALSACE.

5. CHAIRMAN BANGEMANN INFORMED THE CONVENTION THAT A SPECIAL LAND FDP MEETING WILL BE HELD SOMETIME BETWEEN MARCH 21 AND JUNE 21, 1978, AT WHICH ALL PERSONNEL QUESTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED. IT IS A PUBLIC SECRET THAT THE FDP MEMBERS ACTUALLY ARE NOT VERY SATISFIED WITH THEIR LAND CHAIRMAN BANGEMANN, WHO IS TOO MUCH ENGAGED IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, FOR WHICH HE INTENDS TO BE A CANDIDATE, WHENEVER THE EUROPEAN ELECTION MIGHT TAKE PLACE. BANGEMANN CONSIDERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EUROPE A CHANCE FOR THE LIBERALS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT YOUNG JUERGEN MORLOK, LANDTAG FACTION LEADER OF THE FDP, WILL SUCCEED BANGEMANN AS LAND CHAIRMAN. IN HIS PRESENT CAPACITY HE HAS MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION IN AN OTHERWISE SOMEWHAT DEMORALIZED PARTY ORGANIZATION.

6. THE PUBLIC EPIPHANY MEETING ON JANUARY 6, 1978, WHERE LIESELOTTE FUNCKE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESTAG AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE FDP, DELIVERED THE MAIN SPEECH, WAS POORLY ATTENDED. THIS FACT AGAIN REFLECTED THE CURRENT DESPERATE SITUATION WITHIN THE FDP IN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG, AS UNDERLINED IN THE PRESS AS WELL. FUNCKE MENTIONED IN HER SPEECH THAT A CLEAR COALITION DECLARATION OF THE FDP BEFORE THE NEXT BUNDESTAG ELECTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. BEFORE AN ELECTION, CITIZENS SHOULD KNOW WITH WHICH PARTY THE FDP INTENDS TO COALESCE.

7. COMMENT: WHEREAS THE FDP CONVENTION HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A POWERFUL LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION IN SOUTHWEST GERMANY AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR, THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION DRAMATIZED THE DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE FDP MEMBERS WITH THEIR LOCAL LEADERSHIP. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER JUERGEN MORLOK, THE

POTENTIAL FUTURE FDP CHAIRMAN, WILL SUCCEED IN GIVING THE FDP  
A NEW IMPETUS AND AT LEAST A REFLECTION OF THE IMPORTANCE  
WHICH THE FDP FORMERLY ENJOYED IN THIS TRADITIONALLY LIBERAL  
STATE. THE AFORE-MENTIONED LOCAL FDP TREATMENT OF ENERGY AND  
TERRORIST LAW THEMES DOES NOT MEAN THAT LOCAL FDP BUNDESTAG  
DELEGATES WILL GO AGAINST PARTY DISCIPLINE IN BUNDESTAG VOT-  
ING. HOWEVER, THE RESOLUTIONS DO CONTRADICT FEDERAL COALI-  
TION POLICY, AND BANGEMANN DID VOTE AGAINST THE KONTAKTSPER-  
REGESETZ. (TEMPORARY BAN ON CONTACTS BETWEEN IMPRISONED  
TERRORISTS AND THEIR DEFENSE LAWYERS.) CONSEQUENTLY, THE LOCAL  
FDP ATTITUDE IN THE BUNDESTAG IS WORTH WATCHING.

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